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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herewith patents, publications or other information of which, in good-faith judgment of the Applicant, may be relevant to the subject matter claimed in the above-identified application and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose. Applicant submits these documents in compliance with the duty of disclosure as defined in 37 CFR §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98. The Examiner is requested to make these citations of official record in the present application.

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The Applicant respectfully requests that:

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- b. The enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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